

Cooper's Hawk



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Great Horned Owl



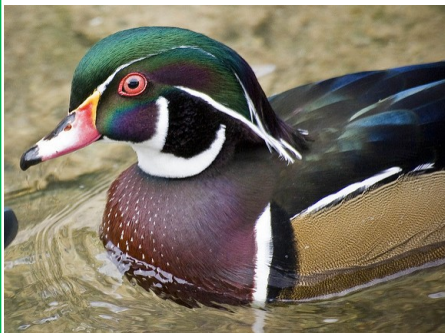
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BARRED OWL

I am 18 inches long. I have dark eyes and horizontal brown bars on my neck but vertical bars on my lower chest. I nest in a natural tree cavity or an abandoned stick platform nest in large woodlands. I hunt at night flying silently for mammals, birds and reptiles. Listen for my hoots 'Who cooks for you, who cooks for you-all?'.

GREAT HORNED OWL

I am 18-25 inches long and my wings span over 4 feet. I am dark brown and gray with a white throat patch and large ear tufts. I have big yellow eyes so I can see at night. I will take over an un-used nest of a hawk or crow, high up in a tree. I am a night-time predator and I eat mammals, birds, reptiles, and frogs. I'm called "the tiger of the woods".

COOPER'S HAWK

I am about 15-20 inches long. My feathers are a dark blue-gray color above. I have a white underside with rusty-colored bars. My nest is a mass of sticks placed about 20 or more feet above the ground in a tree. Watch out! I hunt during the day and I eat small mammals and birds.

HAIRY WOODPECKER

I am about 9-10 inches long. I have black and white feathers and a long beak. My nest is made of woodchips in a hole in a tree. I help trees by eating insects that bore in trees. I also eat berries and seeds. I drum on wood with my strong beak to let other Hairy Woodpeckers know I am looking for a mate.

PILEATED WOODPECKER

I am a large woodpecker, about 16- 19 inches long, and quite shy. I'm black with white stripes on my neck. I have a bright red crest on my head. I use my beak to make large rectangular holes in trees. I make my nest in these tree holes, about 15-70 feet above the ground. I eat ants and other wood-boring insects. Sometimes I eat berries.

WOOD DUCK

I am 17-20 inches long. I am a beautiful, crested, multicolored duck. Many people think I am one of the loveliest birds in the world! I live in wooded rivers, ponds, and swamps. My nest is a cup of downy feathers in a hole in a tree or in a nest-box. I eat plants that grow in the water, small fish, nuts, and fruit.

BROWN CREEPER

I am about 5 inches long. My feathers are brown-streaked above and whitish below. I tuck my nest beneath a wedge of bark on a tree. My nest is made of moss, twigs, feathers, and bark strips. I creep up a tree, moving around it looking for insects and spiders

WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH

I am 5-6 inches long. I have black on the crown of my head, a white face, a blue-gray back, and white underneath. I make my cup-shaped nest in a cavity in a tree or in a birdhouse. I eat nuts, seeds, insects, and fruits. I am a good gymnast—I often scamper down tree trunks headfirst in search of insects.

CAROLINA CHICKADEE

I am nearly 5 inches long. I have a black "cap" and throat, white cheeks, and a gray back. One of my calls sounds like a fast version of my name: "chick-a-dee-dee-dee." I make my nest out of plant fibers, feathers, and moss. My nests are usually in a hole in a tree or in a birdhouse. I eat insects, seeds, and berries.

Warbling Vireo



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Wood Thrush



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Yellow-throated Warbler



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American Redstart



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Scarlet Tanager

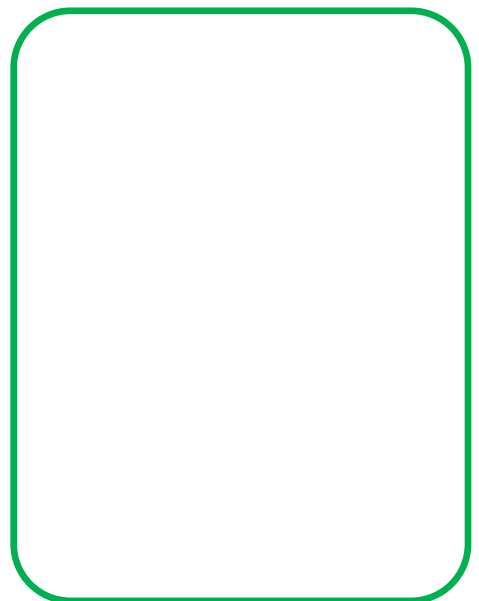
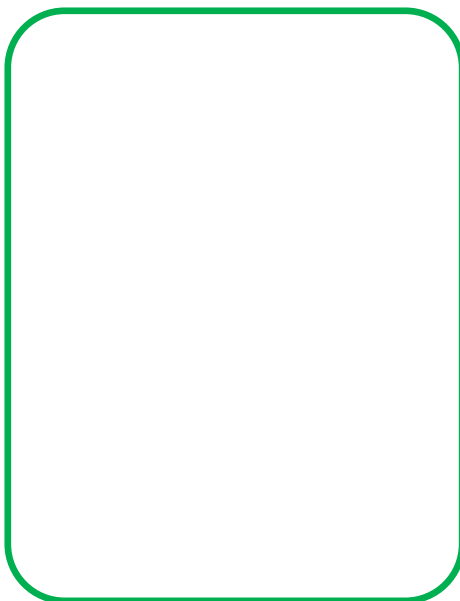


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YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER

I am about 4-5 inches long. I have a bright yellow throat, a face patterned with black and white, and gray on my head and back. For many people, seeing me return from my migration is a sign that spring has finally arrived. I often hang my cup-shaped nest in a sycamore or pine tree. I like to eat insects and spiders.

WOOD THRUSH

I am about 8 inches long. My feathers are brown above and white below with large blackish spots. I have a rich, flute-like voice. My nest is shaped like a cup and I like to place it in a bush or very young tree. I like to eat insects. I also like to eat berries, such as those found on dogwood and black cherry trees.

WARBLING VIREO

I am 5-6 inches long. I am an olive green color and am hard to spot in the forest. I have a beautiful warbling song. My cup-shaped nest is made out of strips of bark, plant fibers, and even spider web. I often place my nest high up in a tall tree near a stream. I eat insects, spiders, and berries.

BALTIMORE ORIOLE

I am 8-9 inches long. I have a bright orange body, a black head and black and white wings. I build an amazing hanging sock-like nest, high in a tree close to a stream or the edge of a woods. I eat insects but particularly like fruit and nectar. I will visit back yard feeders that offer fruit.

SCARLET TANAGER

I am 7 inches long. I am unmistakable with a bright red body, black wings and tail. I like to feed and nest in large trees in the middle of the forest away from disturbance. I build my flimsy nest high in the tree but Brown-headed cowbirds will seek it out to lay their eggs. I like to eat insects.

AMERICAN REDSTART

I am 5-6 inches long. I look ready for Halloween being mostly black but with bright orange patches on my wings, tail and body. I often startle my insect prey by flashing my wings and tail and never stay still. I weave a small but neat cup shaped nest in shrubs. I like to be in large areas of forest away from the edge.

